



October is celebrated annually as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. NOWCAP Services has many participants statewide who are gainfully employed and we want to make sure employers in our communities fully understand the benefits of including people with disabilities in their workforce. People with disabilities bring value and talent to the workplace and deserve to be recognized for their abilities.

One employer in Casper who fully understands these benefits is the Casper Senior Citizens Center. Tess, shown above, has been working at the Senior Center for about five years. Tess works alongside the Activities Director as the Activity Assistant. She has a variety of duties that includes picking up trays from the cafeteria after lunch to coordinating bingo to working in the library. She is a jack of all trades and her duties are too long to list here. She knows her job well, and she does it. Tess is an intricate part of the team and participates fully.

Activities Director, Denise Brashier, says Tess is wonderful to work with. "I don't know what we'd do around here without her," she says. "I love seeing the smiles on the senior's faces when she comes in." Denise says that's the most important thing Tess does. She makes everyone around her happy. She freely gives hugs and smiles and asks for nothing in return. Denise encourages anyone to give people with disabilities a chance - they're worth it. "They teach us so much, but most importantly, to be happy with who we are."